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- [] U.S. counterpart patents or English language equivalents of the foreign patents or published foreign patent applications (see PTO-1449); and/or
- (c) a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed patents, publications or other information (see PTO-1449, foreign search report or other, attached), as it is presently understood by the person signing this disclosure, since no English translation is currently available [1.98(a)(3)].
- [] III. A copy of each listed publication, other than published foreign applications. For each listed publication [1.98(a)(2)]:
 - [] an English translation, if available, when the original publication is not in the English language (see PTO-1449)[1.98(a)(3)];
 - (b) a concise explanation of the listed publications (see PTO-1449), as it is presently understood by the person signing this disclosure, since no English translation is currently available [1.98(a)(3)].
- [] IV. For any other listed information, a copy of the information or that portion which caused it to be listed (see PTO-1449)[1.98(a)(2)(iii)].
- [] V. Each listed U.S. Patent, Publication or other information that was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application, which application is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C.§ 120 [1.98(d)].
- [X] VI. Copies of each listed U.S. Patent and U.S. Patent application publication are not being submitted herewith pursuant to a waiver of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i) by the USPTO on July 11, 2003 for applications filed after June 30, 2003.

This information is submitted in the above-identified application in compliance with 37 C.F.R.1.97 because:

- [X] 1. This information disclosure is submitted within three months of the filing date of the application, or before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits of the application [1.97(b)].
- [] 2. This information disclosure is submitted before the mailing date of a final action in this application under 1.113[1.97(c)] and the requisite statement or fee is provided (see items 6 or 7 below).
- [] 3. This information disclosure is submitted before the mailing date of a notice of allowance under 1.311 [1.97(c)] and the requisite statement or fee is provided (see items 6 or 7 below).

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- [] 6. This information disclosure statement is submitted with the statement required for items 2, 3, 4 or 5 above [1.97(c), (d), (e)]:

[] I, Carmen Santa Maria, hereby state the following:

- [] Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- This information disclosure statement is submitted with the fee of \$180 set forth in 1.17(p) [see items 2 and 3 above]. Please charge this fee and any other fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1059. (Please note, no fee is required for items 2 and 3 above if the Item 6 statement is provided).
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Respectfully submitted,

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